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The nonfulfillment can be attributed to weaknesses in the organization of work at various machinery and construction enterprises (e.g., the VEB (People-Owned) Bergmann-Borsig Plant in Berlin, the VEB Dresden Turbine Factory, and construction enterprises operating at Stralsund and Trattendorf). Despite repeated inquiries and directives, these weaknesses have been only partially eliminated.

Up to now, only slight reductions have been made in the high rate of rejects of essential materials such as steel for turbine blades. Some of the imports of materials and equipment required for the Power Program were not received by the specified deadlines.

Further difficulties were caused by the lack of adequate cooperation between the agencies participating in the Power Program and by the lack of clarity on the planning level. As a result, there were delays in the preparation of plans and designs, and in a few instances technical data were not available when needed.

The GDR Council of Ministers maintains that the following ministers have not adequately fulfilled their obligations in carrying out the Power Program: Fritz Seibmann, Minister of Heavy Industry; Heinrich Rau, Minister of Machine Building; Heinz Winkler, Minister of Construction; Dr. Wilhelm Feldmann, Minister of Light Industry; Kurt Gregor, Minister of Intra-German and Foreign Trade; Roman Chwalek, Minister of Railroads; and Kurt Westphal, Minister of the Food Industry; and, in addition, Bruno Leuschner, Chairman of the State Planning Commission.

The fourth SED (Socialist Unity Party) Congress clearly demonstrated the political significance of achieving an adequate supply of power for industrial purposes and for the population. Since the plan for the first quarter 1954 (as stated in the 17 December 1953 resolution) was fulfilled only 38 percent and the State Plan was fulfilled only 33.6 percent, the Council of Ministers has decreed the following:

I.

A conference presided over by the Minister of Heavy Industry is to be held by 10 June 1954 for the purpose of formulating suitable measures aimed at achieving 1954 capacity increases amounting to 741 megawatts. The following officials will participate in the conference: Fritz Seibmann, Minister of Heavy Industry; Erich Apel, Deputy Minister of Machine Building; Josef Hafrang, State Secretary in the Ministry of Construction; Wilhelm Feldmann, Minister of Light Industry; Willibad Huettenrauch, State Secretary in the Ministry of Intra-German and Foreign Trade; Ervin Kramer, Deputy Minister of Railroads; Kurt Westphal, Minister of the Food Industry; Paul Strassenberger, Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Commission.

In view of the present [unsatisfactory] status of fulfillment, completion deadlines and officials responsible for each project will have to be determined. In this connection, general repairs and a reduction in the number of breakdowns must be taken into consideration.

The necessary measures for fulfilling the Power Program are to be drawn up and submitted to the Control Department of the Presidium of the Council of Ministers by 15 July 1954.

A comparison of the deadline dates for the 22 most important projects of the Power Program (see attached list of projects) reveals the necessity for cooperative action.

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The Minister of Machine Building, the Minister of Heavy Industry, and the Minister of Construction, in cooperation with the proper industrial trade unions, are directed to mobilize all their resources for organizing competitions and worker supervision and for conducting production conferences.

To avoid power cutoffs during the coming fall and winter, the campaign for eliminating backlogs must be organized so that a capacity increase of 457 megawatts can be achieved by the end of the third quarter 1954.

II.

Fritz Selbmann, Minister of Heavy Industry, is charged with organizing effective control over the entire Power Program.

The supervisory staff of the EV (Main Administration) for Electric Power is to be increased with specially trained workers and is to be placed under the direct administration of the Deputy Minister for the Production Area for Power. The supervisory staff must prepare a thorough monthly analysis of the progress of the Power Program.

III.

Fritz Selbmann, Minister of Heavy Industry, is responsible for taking immediate steps to establish a people-owned enterprise which will take over all responsibility for the completion of the most important projects of the Power Program. On 1 January 1955, this enterprise must be in a position to accept the entire responsibility for all new power installations to be constructed. The rights and duties of the enterprise will be determined by regulations issued by the Minister of Heavy Industry; these regulations are to be coordinated with the Minister of Machine Building and the Minister of Construction.

IV.

The Minister of Heavy Industry is responsible for guiding and supervising the planning and drafting work for the entire Power Program, including projects of other plan recipients (Plantraeger). The main planning office is to be the People-Owned Project-Planning Office for the Power Industry (VEB Energieprojektierung).

V.

All ministers participating in the Power Program are directed to submit copies of their specifications for equipment to the Minister of Machine Building.

By 10 June 1954, the People-Owned Project-Planning Office for the Power Industry, in cooperation with the Minister of Machine Building, must prepare a survey of the current status of planning work.

The project specifications still under preparation must be completed as stipulated and submitted to the Minister of Machine Building on a current basis.

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VI.

The Minister of Heavy Industry is assigned the following tasks:

A. To improve the quality of material used in the production of turbine blades, and to direct the Koenigsdorf Iron Research Institute to take special measures to fulfill this requirement.

B. To see that deliveries of boiler sheet, boiler tubes, and turbine blade steel required for the production of power equipment are of the proper quality, are accompanied by the necessary acceptance certificates, and are received by the agreed deadline dates.

VII.

Bruno Leuschner, Chairman of the State Planning Commission, is responsible for making available, at the request of the plan recipients, the funds for financing the 1954 Power Program and preliminary work for the 1955 Power Program. This applies especially to the 3,690,000 DM required for 45 projects for the mobilization of power reserves.

VIII.

The following tasks are assigned to Kurt Gregor, Minister of Intra-German and Foreign Trade:

A. To make available equipment for the 1954 and 1955 power programs so that the equipment can be put into operation on schedule. Following are the most important deliveries:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Delivery Deadline</u>
1 turboset for the VEB Buna Chemical Works at Schkopau (20 megawatts)	Mar 55
1 turboset for the VEB HKW [unidentified] at Dresden (32 megawatts)	Jul 54
1 turboset for the VEB Gruenhainichen [Paper Mill?] (4.2 megawatts)	May 54
1 generator for the VEB Hirschfelde [Power Plant] (60 megavolt-amperes)	Nov 54
1 generator for the VEB ["Otto Grotewohl" Combine in] Boehlen (40 megavolt-amperes)	Sep 54
1 boiler for the VEB Buna Chemical Works at Schkopau (100 tons per hour)	Dec 54
Accessories for the VEB Buna Chemical Works at Schkopau (20 megawatts)	Nov 54
Accessories for the VEB ["Walter Ulbricht"] Leuna Works (15 megawatts)	Nov 55

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<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Delivery Deadline</u>
1 turboset for Premnitz [possibly the "Friedrich Engels" Rayon Works] (3 megawatts)	Oct 54
2 turbosets for the Espenhain [Power Plant] (50 megawatts and 200 tons per hour each)	Dec and Oct 55
2 boilers for the Trattendorf [Power Plant] (160 tons per hour)	First quarter 1956
4 pump storage installations for the Niedwewartha [hydroelectric Power Plant] (20 megawatts)	1 installation in Dec 55

B. To handle deliveries of the following spare parts for repairing turbines:

<u>Spare Parts</u>	<u>Delivery Deadline</u>
1 rotor for a Ljungstroem turbine at the Erfurt Power Plant I (3 megawatts)	Dec 54
1 rotor for a Ljungstroem turbine at the Erfurt Power Plant II (6 megawatts)	Dec 54
1 rotor for a Ljungstroem turbine at the Buna Chemical Works in Schkopau (18 megawatts)	Oct 54
Parts for a Ljungstroem turbine at the ["Wilhelm Pieck" Synthetic Fiber Plant in] Schwarza (6 megawatts)	Third quarter 1954
1 high-pressure rotor for the Zeitz Hydrogenation Plant (15 megawatts)	Third quarter 1954
Radial rotors for the Grosskayna Power Plant (25 megawatts)	Third quarter 1954
1 inductor for the Bitterfeld Power Plant (10 megawatts)	Mar 55

C. To see that deliveries of import materials are accompanied by plant certificates, which must be presented to the manufacturing enterprises when the material is delivered.

IX.

By 15 June 1954, the Minister of Heavy Industry must establish acceptance commissions which will be responsible for determining whether equipment functions properly and whether accidents would result from its use.

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The work of the commissions will begin with an inspection of the projects for completeness and will end with the commissions' approval for putting the installations in operation. Acceptance specifications for the commissions are to be set up and approved by the Minister of Heavy Industry by 1 August 1954.

X.

Heinrich Rau, Minister of Machine Building, is responsible for having special instructions prepared for putting all new power-generating installations in operation. Before an installation is put in operation, these instructions must be approved by a designated official in the Work Safety Inspection Office and by the director of the Main Administration for Boilers and Turbines [of the Ministry of Machine Building].

XI.

By 15 June 1954, the Minister of Machine Building must establish a permanent work collective which will be responsible for all power-generating installations constructed by the Ministry of Machine Building from the time the equipment is put through its test runs until it is turned over to the authorized investor (Investtraeger). The appointment of a director for this collective must be approved by the Minister of Machine Building.

XII.

The Minister of Machine Building is responsible for seeing that testing areas are completed and ready for operation by 1 January 1955 in the following enterprises: VEB Bergmann-Borsig Plant in Berlin VEB "Hans Beimler" [Locomotive and Electrical Goods Plant] at Hennigsdorf; and VEB Meissen Turbine Works.

XIII.

By 5 June 1954, the Minister of Heavy Industry and the Chairman of the State Planning Commission must submit a list of projects for the 1955 and 1956 power programs.

XIV.

The Minister of Heavy Industry, the Minister of Machine Building, and the Chairman of the State Planning Commission must prepare the groundwork for the 1955 Power Program in such a way as to ensure adequate time for carrying out planning, drafting, designing, and preliminary work.

The deadline for submitting approved plans for installations to be put in operation in 1955 is 30 December 1954.

Deadline dates are to be worked out for each individual project.

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XV.

The Minister of Heavy Industry is responsible for seeing that standard types developed by the machine-building industry for individual machines are used in preparing plans and designs for power installations. Soviet experiences in this field are to be fully utilized; e.g., use of the "subassembly method" (Blockbauweise).

The Minister of Machine Building and the Minister of Construction are responsible for continuing the standardization of the planning, designing, and construction of power projects. These matters are to be discussed in quarterly reports prepared by the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

XVI.

By 1 July 1954, the Chairman of the State Planning Commission and the Minister of Heavy Industry must prepare a long-range plan for the further development of the power industry to 1960.

On the basis of the long-range plan, the Minister of Machine Building must submit a report on the technical development of the power industry by 31 October 1954, so that preparations can be made for the development of designs.

XVII.

Because of the importance of the continued development of the power industry, all ministers are directed to organize over-all control over the execution of measures set forth in this decree.

Individuals responsible for delays and mistakes which endanger the execution of the power program will be called to account by the ministers.

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Most Important Projects of the 1954 Power Program

[Note: Roman numerals in the left-hand column may refer to the number of the power installation concerned.]

<u>Project</u>	<u>Capacity Increase (megawatts)</u>	<u>Deadline as Given in State Plan</u>	<u>Deadline as Stated in Agreement, dated 20 Nov 53, Between Minister Rau and Minister Selbmann</u>	<u>Deadline as Stated in Plan for Eliminating Backlogs</u>
Magdeburg [Power Plant]	25	1 Feb 54	1 Feb 54	15 Jun 54
Stralsund [Power Plant]	4	1 Feb 54	1 Feb 54	15 Jun 54
Lauchhammer I [Brown-Coal Works]	12.5	12 May 54*	1 Feb 54	30 Jun 54
Theissen [Brown-Coal Works]	16	1 Mar 54	1 Mar 54	30 May 54
Luetzkendorf [Mineral Oil Works]	5	1 Feb 54	1 Feb 54	15 Jun 54
J. V. Stalin I [Metallurgical Combine]	25	1 Apr 54	1 Apr 54	15 Jun 54
Calbe II [Power Plant]	12.5	1 May 54	1 May 54	15 Jun 54
Lauta I [Power Plant]	12.5	15 Jun 54	15 Jun 54	1 Aug 54
Kulkwitz [Power Plant]	5	15 Jun 54	15 Jun 54	30 Jun 54
John Scheer III [Brown-Coal Works]	12.5	1 Jun 54	1 Jun 54	15 Jul 54
Regis-Borna [Brown-Coal Works]	12.5	15 Mar 54	15 Apr 54	15 Jun 54
Fuerstenwalde [unidentified]	3.2	1 Apr 54	1 Apr 54	1 Jun 54
J. V. Stalin II	25	1 Jul 54	1 Jul 54	1 Sep 54

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Calbe III	8	1 Sep 54	1 Sep 54	1 Nov 54
Lauta II	12.5	1 Aug 54	1 Aug 54	1 Oct 54
["Rudolf"] Breitscheid [Power Plant]	12.5	1 Sep 54	1 Sep 54	1 Oct 54
Hettstedt [Non-ferrous Metals Rolling Mill]	8	1 Jun 54	1 Jul 54	1 Sep 54
Mansfeld Combine	12.5	1 Aug 54	1 Aug 54	1 Oct 54
J. V. Stalin II**	8	15 Jun 54	1 Jul 54	1 Aug 54
Elbe I Power Plant in Vockerode]	32	15 Sep 54	1 Oct 54	1 Oct 54
Sonne [Brown-Coal Works]	20	1 Nov 54	1 Nov 54	1 Nov 54
Wolfen Dye Factory	8	1 Nov 54	1 Nov 54	1 Nov 54

*[] this date should be February 1954.]

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